

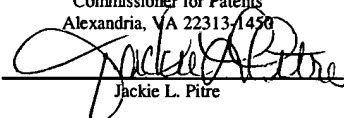


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/693,744
Confirmation No.: 2398
Filing Date: October 24, 2003
Inventors: Bai et al.
Title: INHIBITING WELLBORE
DEFORMATION DURING IN
SITU THERMAL
PROCESSING OF A
HYDROCARBON
CONTAINING FORMATION

§ Examiner: unknown
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Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.